

Stem Cell Research? YES! Human Embryo Cloning? NO!

PROPOSITION

71

Here are just some of the many problems with Proposition 71:

** It specifically supports “embryo cloning” research - also called “somatic cell nuclear transfer”- which poses risks to women and unique ethical problems. To provide scientists with eggs for embryo cloning, at least initially, thousands of women will be subjected to the substantial risks of high dose hormones and egg extraction procedures *just* for the purposes of research. In addition, the perfection of embryo cloning technology – even if initially for medical therapies only – will increase the likelihood that human clones will be produced.

** Why privilege this research over other important research and medical needs, especially given the limits on how much California can invest? Why not issue bonds for programs that ALREADY have proven their cost effectiveness? Embryo stem cell research in nonhuman animals has produced only limited results. More compelling evidence of its efficacy should be required before a large commitment of public resources to study it in humans.

** Proponents are manipulating those seeking cures, building false hopes with exaggerated claims and creating a costly program without adequate oversight or accountability.

Stem cell research *should* be supported, but not this way. And don't be fooled by those who say that the opponents of Proposition 71 are all opposed to abortion and embryo stem cell research. Many of us are pro-choice, do not oppose all embryo stem cell research, and still oppose this initiative.

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Vote "No" on Proposition 71.

REBUTTAL TO ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF

PROPOSITION 71

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